

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 15, lines 10-27, please amend the following paragraphs as follows:

--The polymer of Example [[4]] 1 of the present invention has been compared, in mortar tests, with the superplasticizer of Comparative Example 2 and Comparative Example 3. The results are presented in the following Table 4. The mortars were prepared by using Type III Portland cement according to ASTM C-150 (CEM I 52.5R according ENV 197/1). The different cement mixtures were prepared according ENV 196/1 method at the same W/C = 0.39. The behaviour of the different polymers was evaluated by measuring the flow of fresh mortars (drop) table test) according to UNI 7044 method and the air entraining effect, according to DIN 18555, at the same dosage of the polymers (0.25% as dry admixtures by mass of cement).

**Table 4.** Mortar tests using the superplasticizers of the present invention (Examples [[4]] 1) in comparison with superplasticizer prepared according Comparative Example 2 and Comparative Example 3.

Type of cement:	Portland Type III cement (ASTM C-150)
Normalised sand/cement ratio:	3.0
Water/cement ratio W/C:	0.38
Dosage of additives: Example 1	0.25% active matter by weight of cement

Comparative Example 2	0.25% active matter by weight of cement
<u>Comparative Example 3</u>	<u>0.25% active matter by weight of cement</u> --

**In the Abstract**

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.